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Vermont Public Service Board 112 State Street 4th floor Montpelier, Vt. 05620-2701

RE: Response, implementing temporary sound-level)
Standards for wind generation projects

After reading the comments submitted by the following; Green Mountain Power, Renewable Energy Vermont, Vermont Environmental Research Associates, and the Vermont Department of Public Service, all of which argue for no change in regulations governing noise standards for industrial wind turbines in Vermont; I find it difficult to believe after participating in docket #8167 that they find no problem with the current standards; as there are plenty of documented cases before the board that problems do exist.

I find it troubling that GMP and VERA continue to parade neighbors before the board stating that they have no problems with the noise from the turbines. GMP was very careful this time not to use neighbors with a financial interest. However there is a problem with many of the names GMP submitted this time as well. Mr. Pion owns property on the ridgeline north of KCW and when asked if he would develop his land for future projects his reply was that he was not sure. Mr. Harm has had his property for sale more than three years and I am sure that he would not want it on public record that there was a problem with noise. The Masons are gone all through the winter months and are buffered by a tree line. The others that were used live beyond the 1.5 mile distance. This also indicates that there would fewer complaints if we had set backs of at least 1.5 miles. I know that when I filed a complaint with GMP I was told that they were with-in compliance because I lived outside the 1.5 mile criteria; I live 1.62 miles. We also know that there were many that testified in Morrisville during the noise investigation docket #8167, who have had severe problems with noise; just maybe the PSB, GMP, DPS, REV,

VERA and Mr. Recchia should be required to view this again.

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Steve. Therrien http://youtu.be/4larrLlrDkw,

Paul Brouha http://youtu.be/FLASEzrubWU,

M.Nelson http://youtu.be/MqKWTjjn4Jg,

Linda Hill http://youtu.be/XDqnRuEbGzA,

K.Balleck http://youtu.be/tmSGday7q7I,

M. McLane http://youtu.be/9WcQXhGJbGA,

S.McLane http://youtu.be/yJyK19ccfy4,

and the list could go on. Not so long ago Mr. Recchia had a very disturbing home invasion maybe now he can start to understand just what the neighbors are dealing with; however we do not have the luxury of being able to call the state police for assistance. We never know from day to day minute to minute when our invasion will take place. The developer can take up to two days to respond to a complaint. I did ask him not to long ago why no one would reach-out and offer help to the Therriens and his response was that we do not want to set a precedent of settling with folks who are just unhappy. This is not why they abandoned their home; they needed to protect the health and welfare of their family; leaving their home that was on fifty acres in the middle of the back country off the grid to live in a trailer park in Derby was the last thing that they wanted. Bonnie and Milo Day were bought out by GMP pre-construction, they knew that the noise would be horrendous so they opted to sell; this was the last thing that they wanted; Bonnie had moved twenty six times in her short life and the home on Farm Road was supposed to be her forever home. Once again, read Shirley Nelson's noise diary and you will find that the impacts are real and unhealthy.

We have learned through participating in the technical hearings, the noise investigation docket #8167 and now with watching how S230 became S260 that there are many

influencing factors affecting an outcome. We know that expert testimony was provided on both sides of the issue with different results. We are also finding that information

submitted by REV is out dated for the size of the equipment that is being used today. The submission also went into detail on the effects of sleep deprivation and listed a host of secondary illnesses associated with sleep deprivation. We have also found that many of the studies provided have been financed by the wind industry.

It is time to stop pitting neighbor against neighbor, community against community and come together so that the neighbors can live in peace and quiet with a restored quality of life. The neighbors have been used as guinea pigs long enough; now it is time for a significant change in the current standards. Can we satisfy everyone, probably not; can we do better, absolutely yes. We urge you to consider using our recommendations in our comments filed June 27th,2016.

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